

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

THURSDAY, January 10, 2008

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 212** offered by Senator Wirch.

Senate amendment 4 to **Senate Bill 212** offered by Senator Wirch.

Senate amendment 5 to **Senate Bill 212** offered by Senator Wirch.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 580

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(January 10, 2008)

1. Page 4, line 25: delete the material beginning with “s.” and ending with “70.47” on page 5, line 1 and substitute “sub.”.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 78

Relating to: the distinguished career of Bruce Munson in his service to the legislature and the people of Wisconsin.

By Senators Taylor, Miller, Risser, Decker, Schultz, Lazich, Lehman, Hansen, Breske, Erpenbach, Lassa, Wirch, Plale, Roessler and Coggs; cosponsored by Representatives Travis, Gronemus, Jeskewitz, Musser, Boyle, Sherman, Soletski, Albers, Wasserman, Grigsby, A. Ott, Nelson, Cullen, Berceau, Petrowski and Hines.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 79

Relating to: the life and military service of Corporal Matthew Ross Zindars.

By Senator S. Fitzgerald; cosponsored by Representative Kleefisch.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 380

Relating to: the sale of renewable motor vehicle fuels, granting rule–making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Kreitlow, Olsen, Jauch, Schultz, Harsdorf and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Jorgensen, Albers, Hraychuck, Musser, Sheridan, Smith, Hilgenberg, Gronemus, Zepnick, Garthwaite, Davis and Sinicki.

To committee on **Campaign Finance Reform, Rural Issues and Information Technology**.

Senate Bill 381

Relating to: rules requiring that certain buildings be superinsulated.

By Senators Kreitlow, Cowles, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Lassa, Olsen, Roessler, Schultz, Plale and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Ballweg, Bies, Boyle, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Lothian, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Musser, Nerison, A. Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Rhoades, Townsend and Vruwink.

To committee on **Campaign Finance Reform, Rural Issues and Information Technology**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Senate

January 1, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

As the new Senate Co–Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, I am writing to inform you I am maintaining Senator Jim Sullivan’s appointment to the Wisconsin Center District Board of Directors.

As my designee, I know Senator Sullivan will continue to serve on your board in the best interest of Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing about the board’s continued success.

Sincerely,

SENATOR MARK MILLER
16th Senate District

**State of Wisconsin
Technical College System**

January 3, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

This letter certifies that all sixteen Wisconsin Technical Colleges have provided sexual assault and harassment orientation, materials and information to students as required under state statute 38.12(11) for the 2007–2008 school year.

Individual college letters assuring compliance are on file in our office at this time. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Linda Fahey, System Equal Opportunity Officer at 267–2479.

Sincerely,
DANIEL CLANCY,
President

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

January 7, 2008

The Honorable, the Senate:

The Department of Health and Family Services operates BadgerCare under Wis. Stats. s.49.665. This statute also requires the Department to submit an annual report summarizing the BadgerCare program and its progress. This submission fulfills that legislative requirement.

BadgerCare was established under the terms of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which was enacted through the federal budget of 1997. The SCHIP program provided states with the option of creating a new independent program to insure children or expanding the state's existing Medicaid program. Under [1997 Act 27](#), the Wisconsin Legislature created BadgerCare as an SCHIP Medicaid expansion program. Following recent federal requirements the State added a separate SCHIP program under BadgerCare to cover the unborn children of immigrants.

Attached is a chart showing enrollment and expenditures in BadgerCare by state fiscal year. BadgerCare began enrolling residents in July 1999. BadgerCare leverages significant amounts of federal funding for health care coverage of eligible Wisconsin residents.

In his 2007 State of the State Address, Governor Doyle emphasized access to health care coverage and committed to ensuring that all of Wisconsin's children and more adults have access to health care. This commitment resulted in the creation of a single health care safety net—BadgerCare Plus. The Department will implement BadgerCare Plus in February 2008.

BadgerCare Plus will cover eligible children and help ensure that 98 percent of Wisconsin's citizens have access to health care. The program will provide coverage and enhanced benefits for more pregnant women while simplifying the program and promoting prevention and healthy behaviors.

BadgerCare Plus will merge Family Medicaid, BadgerCare, and Healthy Start to form a comprehensive health insurance program for low income children and families. The program may also eventually incorporate other programs such as the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) in Milwaukee.

Wisconsin will lead the nation in streamlining health care eligibility by making BadgerCare Plus more efficient and less costly to administer. The expansion of managed care and the administrative savings from streamlining the eligibility process

will generate a savings of approximately \$17.4 million over the first two years of BadgerCare Plus. We look forward to keeping Wisconsin on the cutting edge of quality and efficient health care coverage for those in need.

With warm regards,
KEVIN R. HAYDEN
Secretary

***Motions Under Senate Rule 98 and Joint Rule 7
for the Month of December 2007***

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Harsdorf, for the Baldwin–Woodville High School Marching Blackhawks, on the occasion of earning Best Overall Performance at the Wisconsin State Marching Band Championships.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Barbara Beckert, on the occasion of being recognized as Advocate of the Year by Mental Health America of Wisconsin.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Risser, for The Capital Times, on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for Dan Carriveau, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for Zachary Ambrose Chambers, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, on the occasion of celebrating over 100 years of continuous electric operating rail service.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Risser, for Ralph Frisch, on the occasion of the celebration of his 93rd Birthday shared with family and friends.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for Scott Halverson, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for Ian Mathew Hornburg, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Grothman, for Michael Harlan Kinscher, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Andrew Kolbeck, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for the Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee and its Pastor Roy B. Nabors, on the occasion of celebrating its 13th Anniversary.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Cowles, for Justin Peters, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for Nicholas Jon Raymakers, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of condolence by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for the family and friends of Tazroe O'dell Odonte Reed, on the occasion of his dedication to family, friends and all those that had the privilege of knowing him.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Harsdorf, for the River Falls High School Marching Wildcats, on the occasion of earning Best Overall Performance at the Wisconsin State Marching Band Championships.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Joshua G. Schmidt, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Derek Severson, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for Dennis Uecker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Village of Hustisford after 30 years of dedicated service.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Tom and Lynne Underkofler, on the occasion of being named the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Lake-to-Lake Chapter's, Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year for 2008.